

Remarks

Claims 1-31 and 33-90 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, the applicants have amended claims 2-30, 33-41, 60-70 and 72-82 and have cancelled claims 46-54 and 83-90. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, claims 1-31, 33-45, 55-82 are before the Examiner for consideration.

The amendments to the claims have been made in an effort to lend greater clarity to the claimed subject matter and to expedite prosecution. The amendments should not be taken to indicate the applicants' agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejections of record. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

The applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. The amendments made herein are consistent with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Initially, claims 29, 30 and 85 have been objected to due to informalities. By this Amendment, the applicants have amended claims 29 and 30 to correctly depend from claim 28 and have amended claim 85 to correctly depend from claim 83.

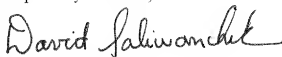
Claims 46-54 and 83-90 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). These claims have been cancelled herein thereby rendering moot this ground for rejection.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendment above, the applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicants also invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David R. Saliwanchik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent and the last name "Saliwanchik" written in a continuous script.

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